

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A quality monitoring system for building structure, comprising:

a semiconductor integrated circuit device which is built in the building structure and in which including a sensor sensor for to detecting detect a physical quantity related to the property of the building structure and a power circuit to apply power to the sensor are mounted; and

an inspection device that receives a detect signal generated based upon the physical quantity detected by the semiconductor integrated circuit device and determines the quality of the building structure based upon the received detect signal,
wherein the power circuit intermittently applies power to the sensor; and
wherein the sensor detects the physical quantity when the power circuit applies power to the sensor.

2. (Original) A quality monitoring system for building structure according to Claim 1, wherein:

the semiconductor integrated circuit device is provided with a memory;
the memory stores an ID number proper to the semiconductor integrated circuit device; and
the semiconductor integrated circuit device transmits the ID number together

with the detect signal to the inspection device.

3. (Original) A quality monitoring system for building structure according to Claim 1, wherein:

the semiconductor integrated circuit device is provided with a memory;
the memory stores a detect signal corresponding to the detected physical quantity; and

the semiconductor integrated circuit device reads the detect signal from the memory according to a request from the inspection device and transmits it to the inspection device.

4. (Original) A quality monitoring system for building structure according to Claim 1, wherein:

the detect signal is transmitted from the semiconductor integrated circuit device to the inspection device by radio.

5. (Original) A quality monitoring system for building structure according to Claim 1, wherein:

the building structure is mainly made of concrete;
the semiconductor integrated circuit device is built in the building structure in a state of paste before the concrete is set; and
the semiconductor integrated circuit device detects the physical quantity of the concrete in the state of paste and transmits the detect signal to the inspection device.

6. (Currently Amended) A quality monitoring method for building structure, comprising steps of:

~~a step for detecting physical quantity related to the property of the building structure and building a semiconductor integrated circuit device mounting a sensor in the building structure for generating a detect signal corresponding to the a physical quantity related to a property of the in the building structure;~~

a step for intermittently applying power to the sensor from a power circuit mounted on the semiconductor integrated circuit;

a step for intermittently detecting the physical quantity related to the property of the building structure, when the power is applied to the sensor, to generate the detect signal,

~~a step for operating the sensor, detecting the physical quantity related to the property of the building structure and generating the detect signal corresponding to the physical quantity;~~

a step for transmitting the detect signal to an inspection device provided outside the semiconductor integrated circuit device; and

a step for determining the quality of the building structure based upon the detect signal received by the inspection device.

7. (Original) A quality monitoring method for building structure according to Claim 6, wherein:

the semiconductor integrated circuit device further mounts a memory; and

the quality monitoring method for building structure further comprises steps of:

a step for storing the detect signal generated by the sensor in the memory; and

a step for reading the detect signal stored in the memory.

8. (Original) A quality monitoring method for building structure according to Claim 7, wherein:

the step for reading the detect signal is a step for reading the detect signal stored in the memory according to a request from the inspection device.

9. (Original) A quality monitoring method for building structure according to Claim 7, wherein:

the step for transmitting the detect signal to an inspection device provided outside the semiconductor integrated circuit device is a step for transmitting an ID number proper to the semiconductor integrated circuit device and stored in the memory together with the detect signal; and

the step for determining the quality is a step for specifying a semiconductor integrated circuit device that transmits the detect signal based upon the ID number transmitted from the semiconductor integrated circuit device together with the detect signal and determining the quality of the building structure.

10. (Original) A quality monitoring method for building structure according to Claim 9, wherein:

the step for specifying a semiconductor integrated circuit device that transmits the detect signal and determining the quality of the building structure is a step detecting the position of the semiconductor integrated circuit device in the building structure and determining the quality of the building structure.

11. (Original) A quality monitoring method for building structure according to Claim 6, wherein:

the step for transmitting the detect signal to an inspection device provided outside the semiconductor integrated circuit device is a step for transmitting the detect signal from the semiconductor integrated circuit device to the inspection device by radio.

12. (Original) A quality monitoring method for building structure according to Claim 6, wherein:

the building structure is mainly made of concrete;
the step for building the semiconductor integrated circuit device in the building structure is a step for building the semiconductor integrated circuit device in the building structure in a state of paste before the concrete is set;

the step for generating the detect signal is a step for operating the sensor in a state of paste before the concrete is set, detecting the physical quantity related to the property of the building structure and generating the detect signal corresponding to the physical quantity; and

the step for transmitting the detect signal to an inspection device provided outside the semiconductor integrated circuit device is a step for transmitting the detect signal to the inspection device after the concrete is set.

13. (Original) A quality monitoring method for building structure according to Claim 6, wherein:

the sensor includes at least one of an electric resistance sensor, a temperature

sensor, a pressure sensor and an acceleration sensor.

14. (Original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device, comprising:

- a sensor that detects physical quantity measurable by a semiconductor and related to the property of building structure;
- an A/D converter that amplifies a signal detected by the sensor and converts the signal to a digital signal;
- a microprocessor that processes the digital signal;
- a transmitter circuit that transmits a signal processed by the microprocessor to an external device;
- an electric power generator configured so that it supplies electric power to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit;
- an electric power controller that controls whether electric power generated by the electric power generator is supplied to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit or not; and
- a capacitor configured so that electric power generated by the electric power generator is stored.

15. (Original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to Claim 14, further comprising:

- a memory for storing information acquired by the sensor.

16. (Original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to
Claim 15, wherein:

the memory stores an ID number proper to a semiconductor integrated circuit
device mounting the memory.

17. (Original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to
Claim 14, wherein:

the sensor includes a pressure sensor.

18. (Original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to
Claim 14, wherein:

the transmitter circuit transmits using a pulse train in an ultra wide band (UWB)
telecommunication system.

19. (Original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to
Claim 14, wherein:

the electric power generator comprises:
a variable capacitor formed in an MEMS process; and
an electric power scavenging circuit that scavenges the increase of the
electrostatic energy of the variable capacitor by the vibration of the building structure
and converts it to electrical energy.

20. (original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to
Claim 14, wherein:

the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor, the transmitter circuit and the electric power controller are formed on one semiconductor substrate.

21. (Original) A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to Claim 14, wherein:

the electric power generator is formed on a second semiconductor chip separate from a first semiconductor chip where the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor, the transmitter circuit and the electric power controller are formed; and

the first semiconductor chip and the second semiconductor chip are mounted on reverse surfaces of a common substrate.

22. (Original) Building structure the quality of which can be determined by a quality monitoring system for building structure, wherein:

the quality monitoring system for building structure comprises:
a semiconductor integrated circuit device which is built in the building structure and in which a sensor for detecting physical quantity related to the property of the building structure is mounted; and

an inspection device that receives a detect signal generated based upon physical quantity detected in the semiconductor integrated circuit device and determines the quality of the building structure based upon the received detect signal; and

the semiconductor integrated circuit device comprises:

a sensor for detecting physical quantity measurable by a semiconductor and

related to the property of building structure;

an A/D converter that amplifies a signal detected by the sensor and converts it to a digital signal;

a microprocessor that processes the digital signal;

a transmitter circuit that transmits the signal processed by the microprocessor to an external device;

an electric power generator configured so that it supplies electric power to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit;

an electric power controller configured so that it controls whether electric power generated by the electric power generator is supplied to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit or not; and

a capacitor configured so that it stores electric power generated by the electric power generator.

23. (Original) Building structure in which a semiconductor integrated circuit device is buried and the quality of which can be determined by a quality monitoring method for building structure, wherein:

the quality monitoring method for building structure comprises steps of:

a step for building a semiconductor integrated circuit device mounting a sensor for detecting physical quantity related to the property of the building structure and generating a detect signal corresponding to the physical quantity in the building structure;

a step for operating the sensor, detecting the physical quantity related to the

property of the building structure and generating the detect signal corresponding to the physical quantity;

a step for transmitting the detect signal to an inspection device provided outside the semiconductor integrated circuit device; and

a step for determining the quality of the building structure based upon the detect signal received by the inspection device; and

the semiconductor integrated circuit device comprises:

a sensor for detecting physical quantity measurable by a semiconductor and related to the property of building structure;

an A/D converter that amplifies a signal detected by the sensor and converts it to a digital signal;

a microprocessor that processes the digital signal;

a transmitter circuit that transmits the signal processed by the microprocessor to an external device;

an electric power generator configured so that it supplies electric power to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit;

an electric power controller configured so that it controls whether electric power generated by the electric power generator is supplied to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit or not; and

a capacitor configured so that it stores electric power generated by the electric power generator.

24. (Original) Building structure, wherein:

a semiconductor integrated circuit device provided with a sensor for detecting physical quantity related to the property of the building structure is buried; and the quality can be determined based upon a detect signal corresponding to the physical quantity detected by the semiconductor integrated circuit device by the inspection device.

25. (Original) Building structure according to Claim 24, wherein:

the semiconductor integrated circuit device further comprises:
an A/D converter that amplifies a signal detected by the sensor and converts it to a digital signal;
a microprocessor that processes the digital signal;
a transmitter circuit that transmits the signal processed by the microprocessor to an external device;
an electric power generator configured so that it supplies electric power to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit;
an electric power controller configured so that it controls whether electric power generated by the electric power generator is supplied to at least one of the sensor, the A/D converter, the microprocessor and the transmitter circuit or not; and
a capacitor configured so that it stores electric power generated by the electric power generator.

26. (New) The quality monitoring system for building structure according to claim 1,

wherein the power circuit comprises a capacitor to store power, and a switch coupled to the capacitor and the sensor.

27. (New) The quality monitoring system for building structure according to claim 26,

wherein the power circuit further comprises an electric power generator to generate electric power, and

wherein the capacitor receives the electric power from the electric power generator.

28. (New) The quality monitoring system for building structure according to claim 6, further comprising:

a step for storing power to a capacitor of the power circuit; and
a step for turning on a switch between the capacitor and the sensor to apply the power stored in the capacitor to the sensor.

29. (New) The quality monitoring system for building structure according to claim 27, further comprising:

a step for generating electric power from an electric power generator; and
a step for supplying the capacitor with the electric power.